

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, JANUARY 31—
Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace; Temperature, max.
69; min. 62; Weather, strong trades and cloudy.

SUGAR—96° Test Centrifugal, 5.24; Per
Ton, \$104.80. 88 Analysis Beets, 16; Per Ton,
\$109.40.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1905.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

MAUI WANTS TO NAME THE NEXT SPEAKER

**Statesmen of the Middle Island Think
They Hold Balance of Power
In the House.**

"H. P. Baldwin of Maui will name the next speaker of the House."

Thus the positive statement of a politician made yesterday. It requires, perhaps, a little elucidation. Mr. Baldwin, who was in the Senate two years ago but who was not returned as a member of the present legislature, is a resident of Maui, and it is the belief in well informed circles that his influence, if he sees fit to exert it, will be paramount with the members of the House from that island.

Now, it is a fact, that the Maui delegation has had a meeting, at which the Speakership fight was considered, and that the delegation refused at that time to endorse the candidacy of anybody for Speaker. It is true that Mr. Coelho, now of Maui and a member-elect, is believed to be cherishing some dreams—but dreams, as everybody knows, go by contraries. And so, well, Mr. Coelho will probably be on the floor.

Maui, in a word, stands between the other islands, and is believed to be desirous of continuing to hold the balance of power, and of at the last throwing its strength to the winner. That is good politics. Now, as between Knudsen and Long and Holstein and Harris, who will be the winner? That is the question Maui has to answer, in order to land on the winning side. Knudsen has the Kauai delegation, but is not thought to have any more, and is not himself unfriendly to Harris. Holstein claims to have Hawaii in his pocket—and probably hasn't. Long has been making an active canvass, it is said, with Holstein as his strongest opponent.

And there you are. It is possible, in view of complications, that the Speakership contest may even be thrown into the House directly and fought out on the floor without any preliminary caucus. Indeed, this plan may find more advocates as time goes on, for it gives all a fair field and no favor, but it is still thought the matter will be determined in caucus. However, there can be no general caucus until immediately before the meeting of the legislature, as Smith of Hilo has announced that he will not be in Honolulu until February 11, and Knudsen of Kauai will not arrive here until one week from today.

"The statement made this afternoon that the native members of the legislature are caucusing secretly, is untrue," so said Representative Mahelona last evening while in attendance at the meeting of the County Act Commission at the Capitol.

"If there have been meetings I do not know of them," he continued, "and I believe I would know if anybody did. I am working fairly, squarely and above-board and when there is to be a caucus or conference of the legislators I desire that all legislators be notified, both haole and Hawaiian, so that there can be a meeting of all."

SUCCESSOR TO HATCH HAS BEEN CHOSEN

**Believed That the Choice Lies Between Arthur
Wilder, Henry E. Cooper and Circuit
Judge Robinson.**

"I am not ready yet to announce the name of the man recommended as the successor to Judge Hatch on the Supreme Bench," said Governor Carter yesterday.

Nevertheless, the name of the man whom the Governor will recommend for the succession has gone forward by cable to Washington, along with the purely formal announcement of the resignation of Judge Hatch. This resignation has been in the hands of the Governor for more than a week past, although it did not go forward until yesterday.

Judge Dole, of course, is out of the way by his own desire, and it is understood that the name sent to Washington is one of three, namely, that of Henry E. Cooper, Arthur Wilder, or Judge Robinson. Either of these gentlemen, it is understood, would fill the position admirably, and either would be acceptable to the local bench and bar. As between them it is, in fact, but the turn of a coin.

Which one of them it is—if it is either, and it is probably one of the three—will be known when the announcement of the appointment is made from Washington.

MORE STRIKERS SHOT DOWN



FIELD MARSHAL OYAMA, SINCE HE GREW A BEARD.

MORE DELAY OVER THE PROPOSED COUNTY LAW

**Dilatory Tactics Still Prevent the Commission
From Agreeing Upon an Act to Submit
to the Legislature.**

Procrastination on the part of Stewart at last night's meeting has again caused the County Act Commission to fail to decide upon a bill to be reported to the legislature.

Stewart could not think of adjourning last night sine die. "Oh, no, no, no, NO, sir; Oh, no, that couldn't be," Stewart came in late, and after the chairman had asked for any expressions from the public then present. Receiving no response the chairman thought it was time to go ahead and decide upon the bill to be reported, when Stewart interjected opposition to the plan. The commission should certainly adjourn to next Friday evening, so that the public could be heard from. That was the time to think of final adjournment, not before. There was no hurry, at all, no, indeed.

Commissioner Watson stated that he saw no real reason for extending the discussion to any future meeting. He was quite ready to decide and abide with the majority, then and there. In fact, he saw no real reason for last night's meeting.

Then Stewart sprung a motion to adjourn with the proviso that the chair appoint the secretary (Stewart) and the Chair as a special committee to prepare before the next proposed adjourned meeting, a bill upon which the Commission could agree to report to the Governor. As this left out the only Democratic member on the Commission from any participation in the matter, Mr. Watson demurred, but not particularly on that ground. He saw no reason for prolonging the discussion to another meeting at all.

Then Fernandez supported the Stewart motion. He wanted postponement. More to save trouble and to have the "harmonization" and his own "virginity of mind," (which he said was his own coined expression) craved by Stewart, the motion was adopted, but amended to adjourn to Tuesday evening next.

What was Stewart's reason for desiring a postponement? The only answer seemed to be that Stewart feels he must ride in the band wagon, and therefore had himself appointed a member of a special committee in order that he may let himself in gracefully, retire from the field as the special author of a bill, which is not altogether popular, and therefore be one of a "harmonized" commission to report to the Governor that the Commission has at last decided on a county bill.

Stewart, although he came late, did most of the talking. He placed himself on record, and had the clerk take his statement down in shorthand, that he was not in the Commission to get a fee. Oh, no, the idea was preposterous. The matter had been suggested to him by a senator, yes, and by other members of the legislature that he should have a fee for his work on the Commission. He therefore felt it imperative that he state publicly that he could not be tempted, and would not even suggest or receive a fee at the hands of the legislature.

"There seems to be a discussion in legislative circles more or less extended—I wish the clerk to take this down—with reference to a fee for the members of the Commission, or for members who have

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Trouble Gradually Subsiding--Princess Victoria Operated on--War Losses for January--Mistchenko's Wound Serious.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—The police surprised a meeting of strikers last night and in the fight which ensued killed one girl and wounded four men. There has been but a partial suppression of disorders in Warsaw but in other populous centers the strike has ended.

THE CZAR'S CONCESSIONS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—In an interview Grand Duke Vladimir intimated that Russia will soon be given a measure of representative government although general suffrage had not been unconsidered.

STEAMER A TOTAL LOSS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 1.—The steamer Alba is ashore at Zandvoort and will be a total loss.

The British steamship Alba, Captain Cox, is a vessel of 2420 tons register. She sailed from Newport News for Europe.

PRINCESS VICTORIA OPERATED ON.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—There has been a successful operation on the Princess Victoria for appendicitis.

REFUGEES LOST AT SEA.

CHEFOO, Feb. 1.—Thirty-six refugees from Port Arthur have been lost in the wreck of the Miatao.

IRVINE GIVES UP.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—The Rev. Dr. Irvine has abandoned his fight against Bishop Talbot.

WAR LOSSES FOR JANUARY.

TOKIO, Feb. 1.—The Russian losses since the first of January are 40,000, Japanese 7,000.

NEILL THE VICTOR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Neil won in the 15th round over Fighting Dick Hyland.

MISTCHENKO BADLY HURT.

MUKDEN, Feb. 1.—Gen. Mistchenko's wound is serious.

WAIANAE CHILDREN FIND IT TOO COLD TO STUDY

The Principal of the Waianae school permitted them to return to their homes. This is a somewhat unusual proceeding, for it has rarely been reported so cold in Hawaii that children could not study. The Waianae school has no windows, only shutters, glass having been unnecessary up to the present. On Monday night it was not particularly cold, but yesterday morning the wind shifted at Waianae and brought a drop in temperature.